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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE
SWAPO REJECTION OF CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL

REF: A) STATE 108384; B) STATE 108386
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1. SWAPO HAS RELEASED TEXT OF ITS RESPONSE TO CONTACT
GROUP PROPOSAL WHICH IS IDENTICAL TO DOCUMENT GIVEN TO
SECRETARY VANCE BY SAM NUJOMA AT THEIR APRIL 27 MEETING
(TEXT REF B). IN ADDITION, AT AFTERNOON SESSION OF UNGA
APRIL 28, NUJOMA MADE STATEMENT CONTAINING: A) A STRONG
ATTACK ON MOTIVATION AND BEHAVIOR OF THE MEMBERS OF THE

CONTACT GROUP; B) A DISCUSSION OF THE POINTS IN OUR PROPOSAL WHICH SWAPO CANNOT ACCEPT; AND C) VERBATIM RECITATION OF THE 10-POINT SUMMARY OF SWAPO'S POSITION CONTAINED UNDER SECTION IV OF TEXT CONTAINED REF B.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT SAG REFRAIN FROM ANY PUBLIC REACTION TO SWAPO'S DECISION WHICH WOULD FURTHER COMPLICATE SITUATION. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HELMAN MADE THIS POINT TO AMBASSADOR SOLE YESTERDAY (REF A) AND DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO REITERATE THIS

MESSAGE TO SAG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY AT FOURIE LEVEL. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SWAPO'S RESPONSE IS THE FINAL WORD, THAT THE CONTACT GROUP STANDS BEHIND ITS PROPOSAL, AND THAT WE PLAN TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SECURITY COUNCIL ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL. THOSE EFFORTS CAN AND WOULD BE HARMED SHOULD SAG RESPOND TO SWAPO'S RESPONSE WITH STATEMENTS WHICH WOULD CAST DOUBT ON SAG'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL.

3. WE HOPE OTHER MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROU, CAPE TOWN CAN MAKE SIMILAR POINTS. VANCE

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